Record Nr. UNINA9910337682103321 Autore Mitchell Ken Titolo Pesos or Plastic?: Financial Inclusion, Taxation, and Development in South America / / by Ken Mitchell, Robert H. Scott, III Cham:,: Springer International Publishing:,: Imprint: Palgrave Pivot, Pubbl/distr/stampa , 2019 **ISBN** 9783030148768 3030148769 Edizione [1st ed. 2019.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (102 pages) Disciplina 330.98003 330.98 Soggetti Development economics Accounting Finance, Public Political planning **Development Economics** Financial Accounting **Public Finance Public Policy** Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Chapter 1. Financial Inclusion and the Middle of the Pyramid, a New Public Revenue Strategy for the 21st Century -- Chapter 2. Public Revenue, Financial Inclusion and Value Added Tax in Argentina --Chapter 3. Financial Inclusion and Value-Added Taxes in Argentina, Brazil and Chile. Sommario/riassunto The book covers financial inclusion in the southern cone (Argentina, Brazil, and Chile) and its impact on public finance. Possible negative consequences of greater financial inclusion are identified, but the book argues potential benefits outweigh costs. Financial inclusion has many

> definitions, but in this book, we interpret it as bank account ownership and the use of banking services. Financial inclusion in this context proffers advantages in the area of tax collection, perhaps the southern

cone's gravest economic obstacle given its future debt servicing

commitments and its socioeconomic development challenges. Households with a bank account – or, the bank participation rate – began increasing significantly around 2002, and this increase has coincided with an unexpected rise in tax collection (especially value-added taxes (VAT)) spanning periods of macroeconomic growth (2003-2009) and stagnation (2010-2015). Correlation does not imply causation, yet using empirical methods this book shows financial inclusion contributes to better tax collection by encouraging more formal market transactions via the use of bank-provided credit and debit cards. Consumption represents the largest component of most economies and consumption taxes contribute more to public revenue in the southern cone than other taxes, hence more formal consumption enhances overall tax collection.